

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TAMARA CRAFTON and TIA
CRAFTON, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CHANDRA CRAFTON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LARRY WORD,

Respondent.

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No. 258007
Berrien Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 2004-000060-NA

Before: Fort Hood, P.J., and Griffin and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (i), (j), and (l). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence revealed respondent-appellant had a long history of drug abuse and that this abuse led to the termination of her parental rights to three other children. Although respondent-appellant was offered substance abuse treatment and other services on prior occasions, she never fully availed herself of the services. Both children in this case tested positive for the presence of cocaine at birth, as did at least one of respondent-appellant's older children. The evidence established that respondent-appellant was not motivated to overcome her addiction, she posed a risk of harm to the children, and she would not be able to provide proper care and custody within a reasonable time.

Furthermore, there was no evidence from which a court could find that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was not in the best interests of these children. MCL 712A.19b(5). Therefore, the trial court did not err in terminating her parental rights.

Affirmed.

/s/ Karen Fort Hood
/s/ Richard Allen Griffin
/s/ Pat M. Donofrio